

Only Conestoga hush-hush on salaries, poll shows

By Beth Nichols

Students at Conestoga College may be the only ones in the province who aren't told how much of their money is paid to elected student councils.

A poll of student representatives at 15 Ontario community colleges showed that all reveal

salaries of their elected representatives, although two said they do so only if asked by students.

Student representatives at six colleges could not be reached. There are 22 community colleges in Ontario.

The Doon Student Association and Guelph Student Association

follow a policy under which salaries and honorariums of elected and full-time staff are not revealed.

Funds to pay salaries and honorariums are collected from students in the form of activity fees. At Doon, the fees are \$56.50 per year.

Mary Wright, campus recreation officer at the Guelph campus of Conestoga College, who assists student associations at the college, said it is Guelph's policy not to reveal to the student body what the salaries and honorariums are.

"It is their (the Guelph Student Association) right not to reveal them. It is based

similar to the DSA (Doon Student Association) policy," she said.

Matthew A. Hoy, president of the Stratford Student Association, said that because of its small size, no one at the Stratford campus receives a salary or honorarium.

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SPOKE

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Pizza pig-out

Photo by Bob Reid/Spoke

John Preditsch, management studies, wasn't fast enough to catch Salvatore Scarpelli, a journalism student, who won the March 24 pizza eating contest, held as part of Springfest '87 in the Doon campus cafeteria. The contest was sponsored by Domino's Pizza.

Karais elected as vice-president

By Deanna Ball

Tony Karais is the new Doon Student Association vice-president of Conestoga College.

Karais, a second-year business management student, received 199 votes for a margin of 93 votes over his opponent, Renata Van Loon, a second-year broadcasting—radio and television student.

Three ballots were spoiled, either by a person not voting or defacing the ballot.

A total of 308 ballots were counted by DSA business manager Phil Olinski, activities co-ordinator Sandy Nay, outgoing DSA president Bruce Hunking and DSA executive members Brett Tucker and Jim Long.

"We certainly had better than 10 per cent of the student population turn out to vote. I'd say approximately 15 per cent actually voted," said Hunking.

According to the registrar's office there are 2,206 students attending the Doon campus, not including the ambulance and emergency care, recreational leadership, or nursing students. The 308 students who voted comprise about 14 per cent of the student population.

Karais will spend his free time between now and the end of April becoming familiar with his job and meeting the people he will be dealing with before taking over from former vice-president Paul Colussi.

Colussi will be moving into the DSA president's office near the end of April, assuming Hunking's duties. "Paul should have no trouble performing the duties of president, as he pretty much knows what is expected of him and what to do. Besides, he has a good sense of humor, which will make next year enjoyable for the students," said Hunking.

Noon speeches reveal campaign platforms

By Deanna Ball

Candidates for vice-president of the Doon Student Association (DSA) presented their campaign platforms to the student body March 18 in the school's cafeteria.

Tony Karais, a second-year business management student, and Renata Van Loon, a second-year broadcasting student, contested the position.

During his platform speech, Karais approached such topics as changing student cards to photo identification cards, the

introduction of voting in the classrooms (only 10 per cent of the Doon campus student population voted during last year's election), the possibility of a new student lounge, greater student involvement in DSA activities, and attracting more students to school pubs.

Other topics dealt with by Karais during question period were athletic scholarships, campus animosity (as Doon campus appears to have all the pubs), his qualifications for the job, student involvement in school activities, a student

drug plan, improvements to parking facilities and in-college drug testing.

"I can't see the need for in-college drug testing. I feel it's an infringement upon my human rights," said Karais.

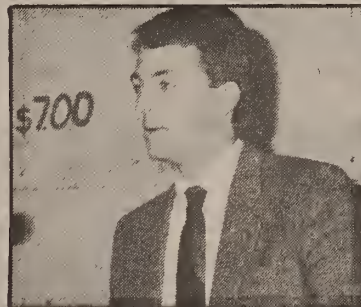
The focus of Van Loon's speech was student involvement. She mentioned the lack of candidates running for president.

"For the president of the students' association, we have only one person running. We choose our leaders like we needed a volunteer for a heart transplant," said Van Loon.

She added, "By this time next year, with the revitalization of the DSA image, I hope to see—no, I will see—10 people up here running for each position."

Van Loon also fielded questions on pubs, a student drug plan, better parking arrangements, drug testing in colleges, and college events.

Regarding college events, Van Loon admitted she had not attended many of the events offered by the college throughout the day because her schedule would not permit it.



Tony Karais



Renata Van Loon

However, she did attend parts of the noon-hour entertainment and went to some of the varsity and intramural games after school.

Paul Colussi, acclaimed as DSA president, gave a short acceptance speech. During the question and answer period, he presented his position on issues he hopes to deal with during his term.

"I don't have to make any real promises, as it doesn't matter," said Colussi after thanking everyone.

Colussi commented during the question and answer period on the feasibility of establishing a sports scholarship, stat-

ing there would be a positive effect in having one; however, the college just doesn't have the funds.

Other issues addressed by Colussi were improvements to the school newspaper, SPOKE, the possible establishment of a separate board for the incoming nursing students, DSA salaries, student drug plan, and in-college drug testing.

The new Doon Student Association (DSA) vice-president for the year 1987-88 will be , who won by votes.

This year a total of voters turned out to cast a ballot for their candidate, making an average of per cent of the student population voting.

New budget outlined

By Beth Nichols

The 1987-88 proposed budget for Conestoga College's Doon Student Association (DSA) was the main topic of discussion at the March 18 board of directors meeting.

Copies of the proposed budget, along with a financial statement, which outlined the five months ending Dec. 31, 1986, were distributed to the board members.

Outgoing DSA president Bruce Hunking conducted the meeting, in which he explained the changes between the current budget figures and those proposed for next year.

The five main categories—administration, varsity athletics, activities, the Spoke newspaper, and pubs—have separate budgets. Projected revenue and projected expenses are outlined for each category. The

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Viewpoint

By Carl Lackenbauer



Running on empty

I seldom feel sorry for the person jogging down the road towards his car with a jerrycan full of gas in hand. I liken that person to a teamster who has neglected to put out food and water for his horses after a hard day's work.

Most of us have heard one or two accounts, shared by those who can't seem to find the time to fill up, concerning the unfortunate chain of events which led their vehicle to suddenly stop running. We usually then believe the well-devised story and empathize with them over their bad luck, inwardly glad we weren't with them at the time.

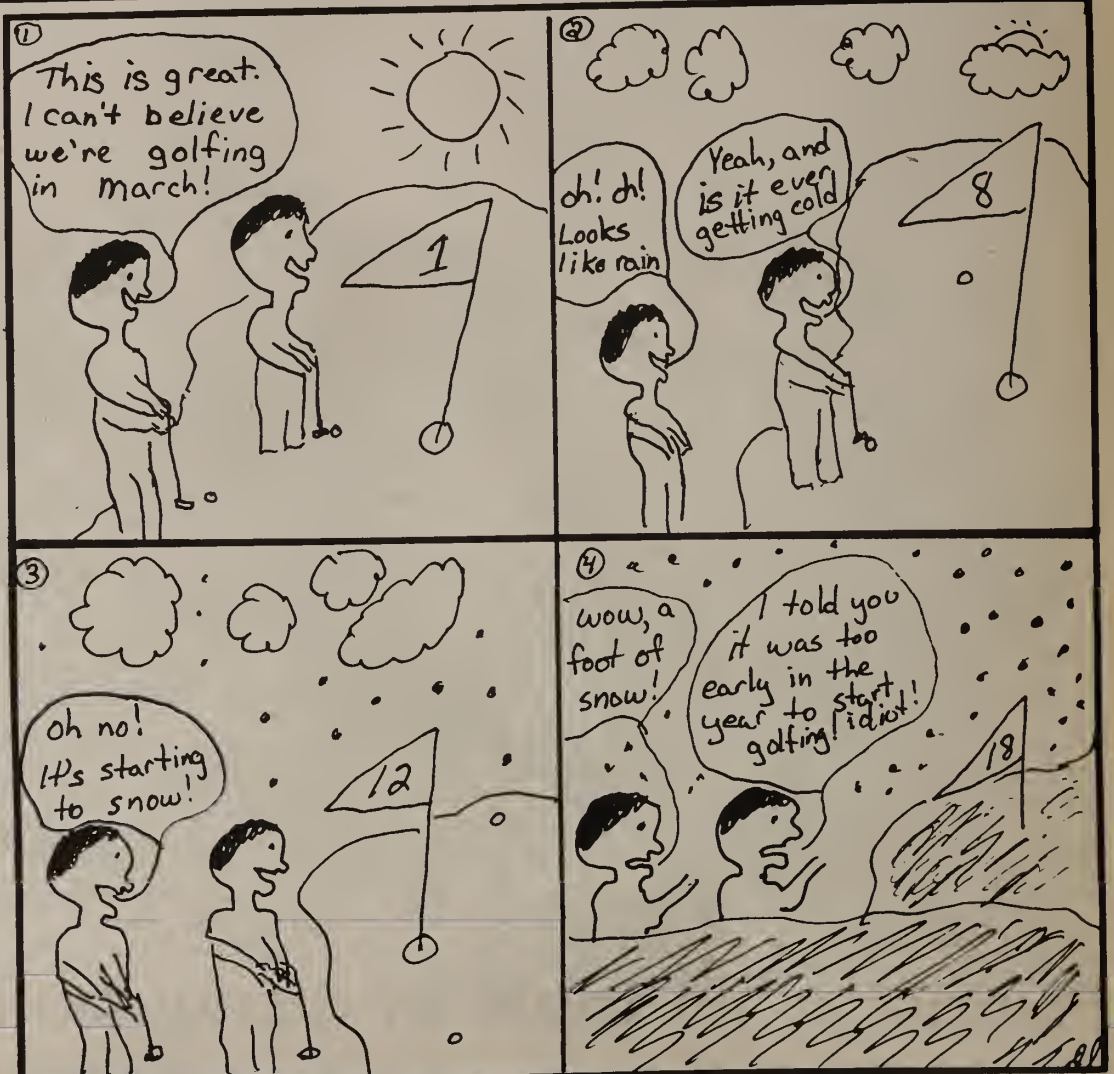
Favorite excuses, used by those experienced at driving on fumes, are: "There just wasn't a gas station in sight and right when I needed one," or "I thought I had enough to get there. I've made it there dozens of times in the past on less." Those who run out of gas are usually repeat offenders. Eventually, they learn the hard way, through, sore feet, towing bills and late appointments.

Imagine if the captain of a commercial airliner or oceanliner unfortunately ran out of gas. I dare say no excuse in the world would satisfy his passengers.

Transport crews, having this deep-seated desire to avoid such an embarrassing predicament to say the least, wisely carry plenty of reserve fuel for that unexpected headwind or possible deviation around bad weather.

Perhaps we could learn from the professionals by refuelling our empty excuses with plenty of reserve.

It can be said that we aren't professionals and don't get paid to check whether we have enough gas in our tanks. And I suppose maybe I'll even hear that excuse 'somewhere down the road.'



Question of the Week

Should DSA salaries be made public?



"No, because the members of parliament don't have to tell us and it's practically the same thing on a smaller scale."
Steve Lahn, 1st year computer program analyst.



"I think so. In any other office you know what the people make."
Pat Dolan, 2nd year social service.



"Yes. I think they should let the public know where the money's going."
George Alves, 1st year electrical technical machinery and apparatus.



"Yes. I don't think it's something that should be kept behind closed doors. If they're elected, the student body should be aware of what they're making."
Brad Fraser, 3rd year business marketing.

By Bob Reid



Good manners give etiquette bad name

Which is worse, bad manners or a bad disposition? I prefer bad manners and have discovered that people with bad manners usually have a better disposition because they are less frustrated.

Bad manners must be practised with some consideration for other people's rights, but this should not eliminate the simple little things we can do that are satisfying and provide an escape from the pressures of life.

One of my all-time favorites is drinking milk right from the bag, or juice directly from the jug. It provides the equivalent of crushing an aluminum beer can after guzzling the contents.

Nothing beats standing in front of the fridge on a hot summer evening, with the door wide open, drinking apple juice from the jug while that cool air

wafts over you. With a stomach full, the last few ounces dribble down my chin. Placing my mouth a few inches from the elbow of my shirt sleeve, I wipe off the excess in a long, slow, sweeping motion, ending at the tip of the index finger.

Makes me feel like I'm in Marlboro Country, having just dismounted after a long, dusty ride and taken a drink from a cool, spring-fed stream. I wander off to have a leak behind the nearest tumbleweed. Can drinking from a glass compare to that?

Another frowned-on idiosyncrasy, closely related to drinking from the juice jug, is drinking milk from a cereal bowl. Abandoning this simple pleasure nearly ruined me for eating my favorite cereal, Cheerios, those little toasted O's that look and float like lifebuoys.

No matter how I consumed Cheerios, the milk was only half gone when the last little toasted O was swallowed, because the rascals floated to the top. After being scolded for drinking from

the bowl, I would be forced to flail away with a spoon for 10 minutes, scooping the milk in a mannerly and miserable fashion. This resulted in confining myself to non-floating cereals like porridge.

Putting your feet on the furniture will frequently prompt a lecture on good manners. I can't remember how many times I've heard, "Get your feet down off that furniture. Do you do that at home?"

Well, as a matter of fact I do now, and have a better outlook on life because of it. In fact, when people visit I insist they put their feet on the furniture.

Some people resist because of years of mind-altering manner lectures, so they have to be dragged into the living room, feet first. I have to hold their foot on a coffee table like you would a cold rag on a fevered forehead, but after a while, they stop resisting and start to feel good about the whole thing.

Nothing turns me off more than visiting people whose living rooms are

so sanitized and highly arranged that even the goldfish in the aquarium are swimming in the same direction. Makes me feel like standing in the boot rack all evening which, I suppose, is a bad display of manners in itself.

Perhaps burping or the superlative of burping, which is belching (burp, burper, belch) is regarded as the most common display of being common. At one time, this was recognized as a sign you had enjoyed or approved of a meal, but the powers that decide what is acceptable as good manners nixed this.

By not burping, we are fighting the forces of nature. When a baby is not feeling well the first thing tried is "burping the baby." It worked when we were little so it should, and does work even better, when we are bigger.

Nothing can ruin an evening quicker than sitting beside a mannerly person full of gas and frustration. They sit there with their shoulders back, chest out, hands on laps, feet on the floor and stomachs in turmoil. Serves them right.

Salaries clouded in secrecy

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"The time we spend is given of ourselves," he said.

"Student councils at the larger campuses should receive something for their time because people don't realize how much time is involved. I do think the students have a right to know," Hoy said.

Student council representatives at other community colleges offered to reveal salaries and honorariums of their elected council members.

"Students pay for us to be here. They have every right to know," said Mike Ferguson, student council president at Lambton College in Sarnia, reflecting a common sentiment among student representatives polled.

Lynne Savela, business manager at Confederation College in Thunder Bay, said figures on such payments are "written right in our constitution and our constitution is open for anybody who wants to pick it up."

Brenda Ball, president at St. Lawrence College in Brockville, said, "We advertise it. We put it in our student paper."

However, at Niagara College in Welland and Sault College in Sault Ste. Marie, council repre-

sentatives said it is not their policy to advertise the figures. But if asked by students they will reveal them, they said.

Colleges where student council representatives could not be contacted were Canadore, in North Bay; Durham, in Oshawa; Fanshawe, in London; Georgian, in Barrie; Northern, in Sudbury; and Sheridan, in Oakville.

The average monthly honorarium paid to college presidents was \$250. Cambrian College in Sudbury pays the lowest at \$50 a month and Humber College in Rexdale pays the highest at \$250 a week.

In some cases, such as St. Clair College in Windsor, elected members are paid their honorarium as well as a salary, but the members are subjected to evaluations of their performance to show they are working to their potential.

According to Bill Hosie, president and student council representative at St. Clair, everyone—including four directors and three executives—receives a \$300 honorarium per semester, depending upon the amount of work done by the members.

"The executive, which is the treasurer, president and vice-president, receive \$50 a week in

salary plus the \$300 honorarium per semester. Of course that's under evaluation," he said. The members are evaluated on their performance.

Hosie said they will reveal to their student body the salaries and honorariums received by elected members.

"Definitely, it's their money. They're allowed to know exactly what we're receiving. I have no problem with that."

Doon Student Association business manager Phil Olinski said salaries and honorariums are not written in Conestoga's constitution, but that if students want to read a copy of the constitution, they may.

The DSA reveals spending figures in its budget, but the amount paid to elected or salaried representatives is not listed separately.

"The policy of our office is not to release salary or honorary information unless released on a personal basis," Olinski said.

In a telephone interview, Wes Muir, campaign researcher and public affairs organizer for the Ontario Federation of Students, said revealing salary or honorary information is up to the individual institution's rules and regulations.



Skateboard whiz kids

Elementary school students Mark Hishon, 13 (left) and Tony Miehm, 12, display their prowess on skateboards in front of the recreation centre at Conestoga College's Doon campus.

Photo by Salvatore Scarpelli/Spoke

Budget main topic of discussion at DSA meeting

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budget also outlined those figures approved for last year and those proposed for 1987-88.

Figures showed that last year's salaries and honorariums were \$29,615. Proposed figures for next year are \$32,175, a \$2,560 increase.

The increase is based on the projected activity fees incorporated from the amalgamation of the nursing program to the Doon Campus.

Publication costs of Spoke are down because type is now set by computers used by Spoke staff. Writing stories on floppy disks and taking the disks to the paper's printer (Fairway Press) has reduced the typesetting costs of the paper, said Hunking.

However, advertising revenues for the paper are down, said Hunking. He attributed the drop to Youthstream, the national advertising agency for

college newspapers, which has decreased its volume of advertising.

DSA business manager Phil Olinski said the loss of revenue from the lack of Youthstream ads is not restricted to Conestoga College. He added that

more companies are finding better ways of re-allocating their advertising funds because of the current period of economic restriction. There-

fore, companies may not be using Youthstream as frequently as in the past.

Expenditures for varsity athletics were higher last year because of more away games in December. Hunking attributed the rise in costs to transportation charges.

According to last year's financial statement, assets were down. There was a fluctuation between cash and treasury

bills, which showed a general increase in cash. Hunking explained that because the pub fund had been running at a deficit in past years, they are now paying back that deficit towards the general fund.

Hunking said the decrease in revenues from pubs has been accompanied by a decrease in expenses. This was attributed to the booking of less expensive bands.

GRAD FORMAL

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Valerie Allen, peer helper project developer.

Cheryl Mooder/Spoke

Peer help taps resource

By Cheryl Mooder

Peer-helping taps into a valuable resource at the college—its students.

The project, which is still in the developmental stage, "looks at utilizing students to help students in the college setting," said Valerie Allen, peer helper project developer.

Since her graduation in April 1986 from the social services program at Conestoga College's Doon campus, Allen has worked under similar contracts.

"Students listen to each other," Allen said. And because the influence of peers is

so great, it's "an important resource to tap into."

Students face difficult challenges at college and the greatest support comes from each other, she said.

Becoming involved with the program not only teaches students specific communication and problem solving skills, it helps them to grow. "Every person can learn and grow, both personally and professionally," Allen said.

"Peer-helping increases (a student's) marketability in the employment field," Allen said. It teaches them the skills which help them to get along with

other people.

Conestoga College will be host at a peer helper conference Friday, April 10, at the Waterloo Inn.

It's a new idea, Allen said, and exciting. It's the first time a peer helper conference has been arranged.

The conference will allow educators, who realize the benefits of students helping students, to share ideas and learn from each other.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Rey Carr, the director of the peer counselling project at the University of Victoria, Victoria, B.C.

Graphics students produce ideas and design projects

By Deanna Ball

Located to the right of the Learning Resource Centre is a series of three rooms containing slanted tables and stalls with graffiti written on them. This is the graphics arts department of Conestoga College's Doon campus.

"They're the creators, and

misunderstood. A lot of people hear the music coming from the rooms and think the students are not working. They don't realize the work and method that goes into a product," said Myron Shwadchuck, program co-ordinator.

"Our students are not interior designers or sign painters. We work with producing ideas

and presenting them to promote the sale of a given product. It's not up to us to do the engineering. We design the visual product. We fine tune the ideas that our clients want. Someone else does the engineering," said Shwadchuck.

Although graphic design students do indeed create logos for outside organizations, such projects are built into the course curriculum as professional practice. The workweeks enable students to utilize their skills in a realistic situation.

The clients approach the college's graphic design department and request that the class perform a particular task. The client then assigns the project and evaluates the product, which includes research, organization, and presentation. The students can be responsible for a full corporate image.

"We prefer non-profit organizations. That way we're not taking jobs that pay away from working designers," said Shwadchuck. "Although, one of

our students, Kevin Morris, has won a scholarship of \$1,000 for designing a new logo for Orangeville Raceway, and was chosen above students from Seneca, and Mohawk Colleges."

Umberto Micheli, another successful student, not only won the Waterloo Library logo, his logos were also chosen for Alcontrol House and Argus House—a difficult task, said Shwadchuck, because both organizations began with the letter 'A', and both deal with abused women or women who abuse alcohol.

The students' first year of graphic design classes centre around the basics, so by Christmas all the students are at approximately the same basic level. They are then introduced to various techniques and needed skills.

Second-year students, apart from their work-weeks, are taught to utilize their own personal strengths and apply them in realistic situations.

Third-year students redesign such things as a magazine, laying it out so as to reach a

specific target area, with a look of professionalism. The students also build a portfolio and fine tune their skills.

Fifty per cent of the work involved in graphics is the ability to draw well enough to transfer your thoughts to paper, so a client who hasn't the same thought can understand the idea clearly.

The other 50 per cent is divided between meeting with people and convincing them you have found the solution to their problem, using common sense to help produce realistic items, and finally presentation and salesmanship.

"The funny thing is when our graduates go to work they hardly do half the technical work they do while they are here, as they direct specialist to do other work, such as photography," said Shwadchuck.

Conestoga's graphic design program has been successful enough to receive recognition from Toronto-based advertising firms, and other colleges, such as the Ontario Art College and Mohawk.

Drill 'alarms' college

By Deanna Ball

Students at Conestoga College Doon campus were given a five-minute taste of the warm weather March 24 during a required fire drill for the main campus building.

Students evacuated the building in approximately two minutes. Some students were asked to leave.

"Two minutes is not bad but it's not good either. I would say it's mediocre," said Bob Gilberts, head of campus security.

Although the alarm was only a drill, students are supposed to leave the building as soon as

they hear the bells. Once the bells have stopped ringing students may enter the building again.

"I had to tell a couple of fellows sitting in the lounge when the alarm was ringing to leave," said security guard Walter Stack.

One person stopped on his way out to ask Gilberts if the alarm was only a drill. When he was told it was, he sat down on a couch located inside door four. Gilberts then told the young man to leave the building.

When the alarm is sounded, all doors and windows to classrooms and labs are to be closed after everyone has left.



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Kevin Morris won \$1,000 scholarship for his Orangeville Raceway logo.

Financing need may quash office move

By Deanna Ball

Conestoga College's Doon campus administration and placement offices are still considering moving to Cambridge, said Jack Williams, director of finance and administrative operations for the college.

However, Williams clarified that the move may never occur as there is a need for financing.

According to a report presented at the college's board of governors meeting, March 24, 1986, Conestoga should be prepared to implement innovative training practices and provide facilities to meet the needs for

future industrial growth in Cambridge.

This is a result of a \$15 million training agreement between the province and Toyota Motor Corporation and Conestoga's role. The college may be required to implement co-op programs in the vicinity of the plant and provide on-site training, said the report.

If in the future the administration and placement offices are moved to Cambridge, students at Doon need not worry as the campus will not lose anyone and all student services will continue.

If the move occurs, it will leave space in the administra-

tion building. Although the location would be ideal for the Early Childhood Education (ECE) program and the program is now experiencing some space problem, Williams said, "It may not be available for ECE because the portables have to be taken care of. The portables are 20 years old now, having been constructed in about 35 days in December of 1967. They're still in reasonable condition."

The influx of the nursing and ambulance and emergency care students to the campus next year has not altered any of the long-range plans for the move.

ENTERTAINMENT

Wigs transform Ohio foursome into Beatles' replica

By Rita Becker

If you walked into the dressing room of 1964, the Beatlemania band that played last Thursday night's pub, you may have assumed the four guys there were the roadies. One was blond, one was balding, one had long hair, and one had a crew cut. Surprise, this was the band. Ten minutes later, after donning wigs, sideburns, five layers of make-up and English accents, ta-dah...these four guys from Akron, Ohio, transformed into a legend.

Well, all right, without the props they looked nothing like the Beatles, but after they put their wigs on, the resemblance was striking. How did they sound? Fantastic! The place was grooving. It was 1965 all over again. Flower children, peace and love, this band brought back the true sixties spirit in full force.

Greg George, the drummer, said the Beatles' popularity will never die. They are timeless.

"History keeps repeating itself—in fashion and music. People keep re-discovering the beauty of the Beatles. It's music that almost all generations can relate to. That's the beauty and magic of it."

He added that the last time they played Ontario Place their most ardent fan was a nine-year-old boy.

"This kid was right up at the front of the stage. He could barely see over it and he was singing his heart out. He knew every word to every song. It was so beautiful."

"Yeah, you really shouldn't have kicked him in the head," joked Gary Grimes, the lead singer, proving the band has that zany Beatles humor.

The rest of the band included Mark Benson as John Lennon and Bob Miller as George Harrison. All of them were



Beatles look-alike band performs at pub.

Photo by Terry De Souza

Quotes of the week

"Students pay for us to be here. They have every right to know."

Mike Ferguson, president of the student council at Lambton College, discussing school policy on revealing wages of council members.

"All you need is a long pole and a good line."

Sue Mondoux, first-year broadcasting student, on the similarities of catching a woman or a fish.

professional musicians before forming 1964.

They've been together three years now and as Gary put it, "Going stronger than ever, man." To imitate the band to perfection they spent numerous hours watching early concert footage of the Beatles and mimicing them right down

to the body language and facial expressions.

The popularity of the band is literally sweeping through North America. They're booked solid until June of 1988 and then they're planning to play in Amsterdam.

"We even have a fan club," chuckled Gary. "It's located in

Toronto and run by a couple who adore the Beatles. They have us over for dinner whenever we're in town."

If you're a Beatles fanatic too, you can write the fan club at 124 Belgrave Ave., Toronto, Steve and Anna Rupert, but don't expect to be invited for dinner, too.

OSAP improved for 1987!

The funding allocated to the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) for the 1987-88 academic year has been increased by 17%.

What are the major changes?

- increased living allowances;
- smaller contributions from parents;
- a special grant package for sole-support parents;
- increased grants for single independent students;
- increased funding for the Ontario Special Bursary and Work Study programs;
- interest relief on provincial loans.

What do the changes mean to me?

- increase in average grant assistance;
- larger grants mean smaller loans and a reduced debt when you graduate.

Where can I get more details?

Contact your financial aid office on campus.

How do I apply?

OSAP applications for the 1987-88 academic year will be available from the financial aid office of your college or university in early April.



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OSAP

Learning resource centre opens in Stratford

By Dan Schiller

The Stratford campus of Conestoga College celebrated the opening of a new Learning Resource Centre on March 18.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony started at noon with coffee and doughnuts. At 12:30 p.m., Donna Runions, of manager's support services at Stratford and Waterloo, Marg Smith, an employment preparation instructor, and Isabel Cargill of student services, cut the ribbon, which was stretched across the library entrance. After the cutting, there was an open house for the remainder of the afternoon.

Karen Haslam, the new librarian, said she will be in the Resource Centre from noon until 4 p.m. every day. Haslam was hired by the college because of her library skills, and formerly worked for the Waterloo County board of education.

She was hired in January to begin purchasing books and other library equipment, such as audio-visual aids, Haslam said. She was allotted a budget of \$5,000, but said it isn't a lot of money.

"(Five thousand dollars)

wasn't a lot, but it was enough to get something for the students. Five thousand dollars goes very quickly," Haslam said.

She spent \$1,200 on a set of encyclopedias, and added that she has until the end of March to use up the rest of the budget. Anything remaining in the budget will be added to the entire campus budget rather than the specialized budget.

She did all the cataloguing and interior decorating herself, and sorted out some books which had been in the old library for years.

"I weeded through the old selections of books, and threw out a lot of them," Haslam said. When Haslam had to place orders for books, she dealt with the publishing company on a personal basis. This saved time because she didn't have to wait for a delivery agency. She had the books delivered directly from the publisher.

She now has access to other Learning Resource Centres at other campuses, Haslam said.

The idea to change the old library to a Learning Resource Centre came about because of an Excellence Fund provided by the Ministry of Colleges and



Donna Rinions, Marg Smith and Isabel Cargill cut ribbon.

Photo by Dan Schiller/Spoke

Universities. The fund was to be used to improve the excellence in teaching, said Runions.

After receiving the fund, a

committee was set up to view the needs of the Stratford campus. From the committee came the idea of a new Learning Resource Centre.

"There was always a library, but it wasn't a functionable library," said Runions about how the new Learning Resource Centre will affect the students.

Building exemplifies old style

By Dan Schiller

The Stratford campus of Conestoga College, is not just your ordinary place. In fact, the campus building, which is almost 100 years old, has an intriguing past.

The building was erected in 1907 and was called a Normal School. The Normal School was basically a teachers' college, and in 1958, the name changed to the Stratford Teachers' College.

The building remained the teachers' college until May of 1973. It was then sold to the province, which in turn rented it in October of 1973 to Conestoga for an indefinite period of time.

Cliff Heath, 62, the maintenance person at the Stratford campus, said, "It's almost a historical building."

Heath, who has worked in the building since 1965 with both the Teachers' College and Conestoga College, said there are

only about five buildings similar (to the Stratford campus) in Ontario. He added that each of the five is identical.

"I walked into one in Peterborough, and I knew every corner. Apparently, this style was predominant through the province (at that time)."

Heath said the building has many remarkable artifacts, including a large stained-glass window that reaches upward for one flight of stairs. The window was donated by the students of the Normal School in memory of other students who died during the First World War. The students' names are etched on the outer perimeters of the colorful window.

Heath, who does everything from hang pictures to sweep floors, said he has never seen a building as solid as the Stratford structure.

"Look at the depth of this building. It would never fall down. It was really built. If you want a solid building, this is it. The floor is made of one-and-a-half inch pure maple boards. (According to records) the building took two years to build."

This however, is not the only building used by the Stratford campus. The campus has four buildings—the main building, a machine shop, a carpentry building and a nursing section located beside the Stratford hospital.

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Main entrance repaired

By Dan Schiller

The Stratford campus has just undergone a minor renovation involving the canopy over the main entrance of the 80-year-old building.

The renovation, which involved replacing a steel plate on the roof of the canopy, repairing some fascia boards on the underside of the canopy, and moving the eavestrough, was to be completed today.

The minor construction work, being done by a local company, was needed for safety reasons. Water had

been seeping through the roof and fascia boards, creating ice patches on the stairs.

The \$6,000 funding for this renovation was made available as part of a government grant involving employment related projects.

Because of the renovation, the canopy's roof is now level, allowing the water to be properly diverted to the ground.

There were no complaints during construction since most of the work was done on the outside of the building.



The main building of the Stratford campus.

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A minor wipe-out took place during the speed skating championships at Conestoga.

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Speed skaters compete

By Carl Lackenbauer

Almost 200 skaters from across Canada competed in the Canadian Indoor Speed Skating Championships held at the Conestoga Recreation Centre March 20-22.

Host for the event, sponsored by Coor's beer, was the Cambridge Speed Skating Club.

The meet, sponsored by Coor's Breweries, saw almost 200 skaters from across Canada compete for points in the 200 to 3,000-metre events.

Each province was represented by its top four male and female skaters in each of five categories—midget (10- and 11-year-olds), juvenile (12 and

13), junior (14 and 15), intermediate (16 and 17) and senior (18 and older).

Skaters from all heats and semi-finals sprinted around a 100-metre track at speeds of up to 40 kilometers per hour in hopes of advancing to the finals. Even with the well designed track radius, skaters were frequently spilling into the corner boards, unable to maintain their edge at such speeds.

Winners of the preliminary events competed for points in the finals which were run in the afternoons.

Quebec, accumulating the most points, placed first in the overall standings, winning in

almost every category and skating to eight Canadian records in the process. Manitoba placed a distant second.

National teams from New Zealand, Australia and Canada were also there to compete in an open event in preparation for the World Indoor Speed Skating Championships scheduled for Montreal April 3-5.

This year, speed skating in Canada is celebrating its 100th anniversary. Although indoor speed skating, referred to commonly as short track speed skating, is not yet an official Olympic event, for the first time, it has been accepted as a demonstration sport for next year's Olympics in Calgary.

Nominees selected for athlete of year

Ten nominees have been selected for this year's athlete of the year—four women and six men.

Jill Dickinson, a second-year recreation leadership student, played on the women's varsity softball team and was co-captain of the team. As well, she played on seven intramural teams and was a varsity timekeeper for the men's basketball team.

Susan Coveney, a first-year business management student, played on the women's varsity softball, basketball and volleyball teams. She was co-captain of the softball team. As well, Coveney played on four intramural teams.

Sue Blacklock, a second-year LASA student, played on the women's varsity softball and basketball teams. She was co-captain of the softball team.

Blacklock played on 10 intramural teams and was a timekeeper for contact hockey and the men's basketball teams.

Tricia Green, a first-year woodworking student, played on the women's varsity softball and basketball teams and was a timekeeper for the men's varsity basketball team. In intramural action, she was a member of six teams.

Mark Ortelli, a first-year business administration student, played on both the men's varsity and intramural basketball teams.

Giulio Mior, a third-year mechanical engineering stu-

dent, played on the men's varsity touch football and soccer teams and was a member of three intramural teams. He was captain of varsity and intramural soccer teams.

Dan Miller, a third-year accounting student, played on the varsity hockey team and was an assistant captain. He played on eight intramural teams and refereed sports.

He was a member of the student intramural committee.

Mike Krabi, a first-year business student, played on the men's varsity touch football team and was a member of six intramural teams. He worked on the pub staff, refereed ball hockey and chaperoned ski trips.

Doug Moore, a final-year business administration student, was a member of 13 intramural teams. In the college community, he worked on the pub staff and the student intramural committee.

Salvatore Scarpelli, a final-year journalism student, was a member of the men's varsity soccer team. He played for four intramural teams and refereed five.

An athlete of the year award recognizes a combination of a student's athletic and academic achievements. Of points awarded, 50 per cent comes from varsity participation, 35 per cent from intramural participation, 10 per cent from academics and five per cent from college and community contributions.

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Team target dashed by a goal



Condor Paul Zuzan (3) lobs a shot over Colts' keeper.

By Salvatore Scarpelli

Conestoga College's soccer team's chances of reaching the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) indoor championships ended when the team lost its opening game to tournament host Centennial College 2-1 on March 21.

Condor coach Geoff Johnstone's defensive system of four men square with a fifth man as a rover was not enough to stop the Centennial Colts, who scored the winning goal of the match in the dying moments of the game.

Although Conestoga created many chances to score throughout the game their only goal came when striker Eddie Cordosa blasted a volley past

the Colt netminder near the end of the first half.

According to Johnstone, the Condors have been hard up for goals—scoring two and allowing seven in the past two tournaments.

"Our defence has been solid, although the same cannot be said about our offence, which has only scored twice in six games. You can't win games like that," he said.

The Condors' problems seemed to follow them throughout the Centennial College tournament as they dropped a hard-fought 2-1 decision to St. Lawrence College (Cornwall) and closed out the round-robin play by losing to Cambrian 2-0.

Tournament organizer Paul

Clarke said he felt that the response for the tournament went well and added that he hoped Centennial College will be able to be host college in the future.

Despite the failure of the Condors to win the championship, they made their presence felt during the competition, said assistant coach Duane Shadd, who added the team played well and had nothing to be embarrassed about.

After two days of competition, George Brown College ended up eventual champs by defeating Fanshawe College 5-2 in the finals.

Salvatore Scarpelli is a Spoke reporter and a member of the Condors soccer team.

CONESTOGA INTRAMURAL SCHEDULE

(MONDAY, MARCH 30)

CO-ED HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

4 p.m. 2nd Place vs 3rd Place(A)

5:30 p.m. 1st Place vs Winner(A)

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

4:30 p.m. Semi-Finals

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

7:30 - 10:30 p.m.

(Check for game schedule)

(TUESDAY, MARCH 31)

CONTACT HOCKEY LEAGUE

4:30 p.m. Winner (D) vs Winner (E)

(Game one of best three finals)

WOMENS' FLOOR HOCKEY

4:30 p.m. 1st Place vs 4th Place

5:00 p.m. 2nd Place vs 3rd Place

5:30 p.m. Championship Game

(WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1)

CONTACT HOCKEY LEAGUE

4:30 p.m. Winner (D) vs Winner (E)

(Game two of best three finals)

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

(Game time and teams to be announced)

(THURSDAY, APRIL 2)

CONTACT HOCKEY LEAGUE

4:30 p.m. Winner (D) vs Winner (E)

(Game three if necessary)

Varsity games need fans

By Dan Schiller

Now that the varsity athletic season is over, one should consider the attendance the varsity games received.

Dan Young, athletics co-ordinator, who is involved with all varsity sports, said that fan support needs improvement.

"I'd like to see it better. Some of the games were exciting and the players appreciate fan support."

Young said: "I don't know what the problem was." But he did point out what he considered possible problems.

One problem considered by Young was that most of the games were after class hours.

"The students have to go

home, then come back for the games," he said.

Another problem considered by Young was that the home fields are not joined to the main building. Although Young does not see this as a major problem, he said it could be a factor.

For next year, Young has three ideas which he hopes will increase attendance at varsity games.

All in all, Young is puzzled about the reason behind the poor attendance at Conestoga, but said that it must come from the students.

"It's hard to say exactly what the cause is, but it depends on the student body."

Intramural participation high

By Salvatore Scarpelli

The end of the college school year is approaching, a time for those in advisory positions to evaluate the year gone by and plan for the future as well.

Barb McCauley, athletic co-ordinator at the Conestoga Recreation Centre, has been busy the last few weeks with year-end evaluations.

Although intramural sports are still in progress at the college, McCauley is anticipating the wrap up for the year. When questioned on the year's intramural events, McCauley responded, "It was one of the better years for intramurals at the college with co-ed volleyball, three-pitch baseball, and contact hockey among the student's favorites."

Factors which determined the more popular intramural sports were the "scheduling of times and dates" and the appeal of co-ed activities over individual sports, said McCauley.

Individual sports such as squash and handball did not have the same response as did the team sports, according to McCauley, which resulted in rescheduling or completely cancelling some events. Because this year's turn-out for such events was lower, it is questionable if they will return to the intramural program next year, she said.

Although a few intramural sports may receive the axe next year, they will always be



Barb McCauley stands among some of the athletic equipment used for intramurals.
Salvatore Scarpelli/Spoke

replaced by new ones, introduced the following year. This year's new entry was co-ed touch football which was played in early September. Another newcomer to be introduced on the intramural scene early this spring will be recreational bowling. Despite being held off-campus, McCauley hopes bowling will become as popular as touch football.

McCauley could not foresee any major changes in the current intramural system but added, "we are always open

for suggestions and ideas for intramural sports from those who are, and are not satisfied, with the intramural program." She mentioned the requests pouring in for ringette and boot hockey on ice from surveys taken of intramural participants.

Other than a few sprained ankles and bruises, McCauley was pleased to report that no injuries resulted from intramural sports. She stressed that "all games were for the enjoyment of the students."

Softball coach looks ahead

By Salvatore Scarpelli

If by chance you pass by the Conestoga College Recreation Centre and bump into a fastidious gentleman wearing a baseball hat and carrying a few bats and balls, tip your hat to him or shake his hand, for he's the man who coached the Condors women's varsity softball team this past year to an

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Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) final.

After four years of coaching the college's softball team, Jim van Trigt feels the work has paid off. Since he was 16, van Trigt has coached both men's and women's softball teams and has a level 2 softball certificate in coaching and theory.

Although the Condors lost 5-0 to the Seneca Braves in the Ontario finals last year, van Trigt felt "the better team had lost" the championship. The loss resulted in Conestoga receiving the silver medal.

"It came down to the girls playing one bad inning, which cost us the title," he said.

After commending the Braves for having "a strong recruiting system and softball program," van Trigt added that this year's Condors softball team was the best he had ever coached and had all the ingredients of a championship team.

Now that spring is here and the blanket of snow which covered the college softball diamonds has disappeared, van Trigt is already planning his return as manager of the women's team in September. Aware that a majority of last year's players will have graduated, he is preparing to

recruit new players for the upcoming season.

In reference to last year's silver medalists who will be leaving their blue, white and red uniforms behind, van Trigt said, "We have had a good core of players at Conestoga over the years. I have recommended to them that after leaving college they go on and play in the PWSA (Provincial Women's Softball Association)."

Asked his predictions for next year, van Trigt replied, "It's just a brand new year."

With only three players returning from last year's roster, van Trigt said it will be difficult but not impossible to top that team's performance.

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Intramural team of the week

Intramural team of the week for March 16-20, was Loan Sharks, from the men's ball-hockey tournament. Team members are, from left: Kevin Young, Alex Mitchell, Brent Tinning, Allan Kraske and Chris Verwey. Absent from photo are: Steve Stumpf, Brael Fraser and Dan Dietrich.

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